

sprout in constantly wet sand and after about three or four weeks they are taken out and planted into the water fields like the rice. They want good manured fields and always covered with water then they spread like potatoes in the ground and in the fall they are dug up after the water is drained off.

I also send you some seeds of a kind of a turnip the English name however I could not learn till now. The edible part is the root and it has a sweet and delicious taste. The seeds are planted or sown in April or May and the flowers when they come are all cut down except those wanted for seeds and in fall also dug up. Now I do not know whether you will not have this latter kind already but if so just throw the seeds away and be done with it. The natives tell me the seeds are very poisonous."

NOTES ON BEHAVIOR OF PREVIOUS INTRODUCTIONS.

Carissa grandiflora. This handsome shrub, which is considered one of the best hedge plants in Natal, South Africa, is rapidly becoming very popular in South Florida, not only because of its spiny character which makes it an impenetrable hedge, easy to grow, but because of its large white fragrant flowers and brilliant red edible fruit. Mr. Bisset, when at Mr. C. P. Taft's place at Orange, Cal., wrote as follows:

"Mr. Taft has a *Carissa grandiflora* that is bearing a fine crop of beautiful, large-sized fruits. This is the first time I have seen the *Carissa* bearing a good crop of fruit in California. This bush was frozen back when the temperature was 27 degrees last year."

For photographs see Label Catalogue for 1915-1916.

Litchi chinensis (21204). Excerpts from Mr. Bisset's notes on a visit to Tampa, Fla., August 14th.

"On August 17th I visited Mr. W. S. Taylor's place to see the Litchi trees. I found them in excellent condition. The tallest one is 31 inches in height by 50 inches in spread. The trees are planted in a hollow where they get all the rain-fall and the drainage into the basin from the land close by. They are protected by buildings and tree growths. If the frost does not injure them or if Mr. Taylor protects these trees from it, he may succeed in fruiting this Litchi in the vicinity of Tampa.

"After looking over Mr. Taylor's Litchi trees, I went to see Dr. Richardson's place on Bay Shore Boulevard, where another plant of Litchi was growing. This plant is 5 feet 6 inches in height, with straight stem, unlike Mr. Taylor's